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2018 ELECTION

Senate districts in Colo. spotlight

Dems' total control of state legislature rides on Fab Five

By Andrew Kenney
The Denver Post

At some point, Stacy Lambright's husband had to ask why she was keeping a huge bundle of glossy political mailers in their suburban Thornton home.

"It's obscene," she explained.

Nearly every day, Lambright fetches another full-page ad from her mailbox — most of them about the state Senate race in which Democrat Faith Winter is challenging Republican incumbent Beth Martinez Humenik — and files it into a folder in a small cabinet.

Along with the parades of canvassers and the constant Facebook ads, the advertising is a clear signal: The Lambrights have some of the most important votes in Colorado's 2018 elections.

When Nov. 6 comes, this will be one of five down-ballot districts that makes or breaks Democrats' hopes of taking over both chambers of the Colorado General Assembly.

Neither side is letting this fight go easily: The Lambrights' Senate District 24 could easily see $1 million in spending as Winter and Martinez Humenik compete for a job that pays only $30,000 per year. And with just weeks to go until ballots arrive, the deluge of mail for the Lambrights will only get more intense.

"My husband is like, 'Can we please recycle these?' " said Lambright, an activist on oil and gas issues. "And I say, 'No, we need to show people.' "

Democrats control the state House, and that's unlikely to change in this election. Instead, all eyes are on the Senate, where Republicans currently hold a small majority. To take it back, the Democrats only need to flip one current Republican seat. If

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SUPREME COURT

Fiery Kavanaugh denies quiet accuser

Panel's recommendation vote for nominee set for Friday morning

Christine Blasey Ford, a 51-year-old college professor, testifies Thursday against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh in separate hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. Ford has accused Kavanaugh, 53, of sexually assaulting her when they were teenagers. Testifying after Ford's hearing, Kavanaugh defiantly said that he was "100 percent certain" he did no such thing. *Getty Images photos by Win McNamee (Ford) and Saul Loeb (Kavanaugh)*

By Lisa Mascaro and Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON» In a day like few others in Senate history, California psychology professor Christine Blasey Ford quietly recounted her "100 percent" certainty Thursday that President Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court had sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers — and then Brett Kavanaugh defiantly testified he was "100 percent certain" he did no such thing.

That left senators to decide whether the long day of testimony tipped their confirmation votes for or against Trump's nominee in a deeply partisan fight with the future of the high court and possibly control of Congress in the balance.

Showing their own certainty, Republicans quickly scheduled a recommendation vote for Friday morning in the Senate Judiciary Committee, where they hold an 11-10 majority. They're hoping for a final Senate roll call next week, seating Kavanaugh on the court shortly after the Oct. 1 start of its new term.

In the committee's packed hearing room for hour upon hour Thursday, Kavanaugh and Ford said the alleged assault and the storm of controversy that has erupted 36 years

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Feds seek to oust Tesla CEO Musk for go-private tweet

By Tom Krisher *The Associated Press*

DETROIT» U.S. securities regulators are asking a federal court to oust Tesla Inc.'s Elon Musk as chairman and CEO, alleging in a complaint that he committed securities fraud with false statements about plans to take the company private.

The Securities and Exchange Commission says in the complaint filed Thursday that Musk falsely claimed in an Aug. 7 statement on Twitter that funding was secured to go private at $420 per share, a substantial premium over the price at the time.

The complaint filed in U.S. District Court in New York says that Musk had not discussed or confirmed key deal terms including price with any funding source.

It also asks for an order enjoining Musk from making false and misleading statements along with repayment of any gains as well as civil penalties.

"Corporate officers hold positions of trust in our markets and have important responsibili-

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AT COORS FIELD

Fans react to a solo home run hit by Trevor Story during the Rockies' 5-3 victory over Philadelphia on Thursday. *AAron Ontiveroz, The Denver Post*

On a warm September afternoon, Rockies fans itch for Rocktober

By Sam Tabachnik
The Denver Post

Curtis Peckham has been to nearly every Colorado Rockies home game over the past two weeks.

He has brought his brother, Ken. He has brought his son. No matter who is in town, or who is next to him, Peckham is going to keep coming to see the Rockies — every game until they're knocked out. He loves baseball, loves his Rockies. But it's more than that now. He's coming for his dad.

"This is my little homage to him," Peckham said Thursday afternoon outside Coors Field, before the Rockies took on, and ultimately beat, the Philadelphia Phillies.

Peckham's father died Sept. 3. A ma-

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